Statement

District-wise No. of Post & Telegraph Offices in Rajasthan as on 31-3-92.

Sl.No.	District	No. of Post Offices	Number of Telegraph Offices including Combined offices
1	Ajmer	421	56
2	Alwar	490	66
3	Bharatpur	304	57
4	Bhilwara	390	73
5	Bikaner	206	56
6	Banswara	248	56
7	Bundi	171	17
8	Barmer	470	55
9	Churu	365	61
10	Dholpur	286	21
11	Jaipur	578	107
12	Jaisalmer	148	15
13	Jodhpur	396	49
14	Jhunjhunu	387	94
15	Kota	193	62
16	Nagaur	501	154
17	Pali-Marwar	369	75
18	Swaimadhopur	493	68
19	Sriganganagar	545	49
20	Tonk	220	39
21	Jalore	222	45
22	Jhalawar	238	35
23	Sikar	451	125
24	Sirohi	176	29
25	Chittorgarh	374	59
26	Udaipur	483	86
27	Dungarpur	270	59
28	Dausa	184	21
29	Rajsamand	209	34
30	Baran	197	14

विज्ञापनों पर किया गया व्यय

127. **श्री मोहम्मद अफजल उर्फ भीम अफजल :** क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) उनके मंत्रालय द्वारा वर्ष 1991-92 के दौरान विज्ञापनों पर कितनी राशि व्यय की गई; और

(ख) उक्त अवधि के दौरान विभिन्न समाचार पत्रों को भाषावार कुल कितनी राशि का भुगतान किया गया ?

संचार मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री पी०वी० रंगैया नायडू) : (क) और (ख) जानकारी एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

Telephone connections and STD facilities in Bihar

128. SHRI S S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 4530 given in the Rajya Sabha on 31st March, 1992 and state:

(a) what is the number of village Panchayats in Bihar which have so

far been given telephone connections: and

(b) what is the number of village Panchayats in the country that are without these facilities and by when these will get these facilities?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) 4313 upto 31-3-1992.

(b) 1,60,545 as on 31-3-1992. This facility is proposed to be extended to these villages by 31st March, 1995, subject to availability of resources.

Payment of HRA at Special Rates at Pauri U.P.

129. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state;

(a) what are the basis for the special order issued in 1978 under which House Rent Allowance at Special rates at certain Hill Stations like Nainital, Mussourie, Pithoragarh and Tehri, was granted;

(b) whether the case of Pauri is under consideration to grant House Rent Allowance under similar special orders of 1978;

(c) if so, by when it is likely to implemented;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether it is a fact that Pauri (U.P.) like Nainital and Mussourie, has also been declared as tourist centre in October, 1991; and

(f) if so, the reasons for denial of HRA to the Central Government employees of Pauri at 'C class rates?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a) The special orders of 1978 for grant *af* HRA to Central Government employees posted in certain Hill stations were issued on the basis of the recommendations of a Committee of National Council (JCM), comprising members from both Official Side and Staff Side.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise, in view of reply to (b) above.

(d) The Fourth Central Pay Commission have not made any recommendations for grant of HRA in any Hill Station which does not fulfil the population criteria. Pauri does not qualify for classification as a 'C class city, since the population in its Municipal area is less than 50,000, as per the 1981 Census.

(e) The Central Government has no policy to declare any place as a Tourist Centre.

(f) A place being a tourist Centre is not a criteria for its classification for the purpose of HRA.

Bank Turnover and Number of Employees

130. SHRI R. T. GOP ALAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the turnover of the public sector banks and its, percentage growth since 19S9-90 to 1991-92; and

(b) the number of employees of different category/levels and their percentage growth during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Banks generally judge their business with reference to the level of working funds. The aggregate amounts of working funds of the publiq sector banks in so far as their domestic operations are concerned and the